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Timely Tidbits ... 140+ To Take Part in Citywide Yard Sale

Bargain hunters throughout the area won't want to miss the annual Romulus Citywide Yard Sale, set for May 20–23. (If two or more of the sale dates are "rained out," the event will be postponed to the weekend of June 3–6.)

For a list of the 140+ sale sites, please see page 10.

RRX Repairs Will Close Northline for 10 Days

Canadian National Railroad will close a portion of Northline Road in Taylor for crossing repairs from Monday, May 10, through Wednesday, May 19. Northline will be closed to through traffic between Telegraph Road and Allen Road. Traffic will be detoured using Telegraph, Eureka, and Allen roads. Barricades and appropriate signing will be placed.

Geiss Opens New Office

State Representative Douglas Geiss (D-Taylor) announced that he has opened a new district office in Taylor's William D. Ford Senior Activity Center (6750 Troy Street).

Starting May 17, constituents of the 22nd District of the Michigan House of Representatives will be able to visit Geiss's new constituent services director, Timothy Michling, on Mondays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Walk-in visitors are welcome. Constituents wishing to meet with Geiss may do so on Mondays or Fridays by appointment.

To schedule an appointment, call Geiss's Lansing office, toll-free, at 888-737-4347, or send e-mail to DouglasGeiss@house.mi.gov.

Free Dumping for Romulus Residents

The City of Romulus has scheduled its annual free dumping week from Monday, May 10, through Saturday, May 15. Residents only (ID required) may dispose of trash at the Department of Public Works (12600 Wayne Road) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information about dumping rules and items acceptable for disposal, call 734-942-7579.

Romulus Lays Off 3 Workers, Announces Program Cuts

Facing a budget shortage of more than \$3 million for the coming fiscal year, the City of Romulus has announced the layoff of three employees – one each from the public library, the treasurer's office, and the assessor's office – as well as cuts to several "non-essential" programs popular with residents.

"Romulus is facing the worst budget crisis since the Great Depression, and these tough, unprecedented times require us to make very difficult and painful decisions," said Mayor Alan R. Lambert. "Romulus continues to work hard with all parties to minimize the impact of our budget cuts on important police, fire, and other public services that are important to our families."

According to Lambert, the City has already begun across-the-board cuts to services and projects that will eliminate nearly \$1 million in non-payroll costs for the 2010–2011 fiscal year. For instance, a curbside wood-chipping service, previously offered by the Department of Public Works, has been cut to yield an annual savings of \$65,000. DPW director Tom Wilson said citizens can still discard tree limbs and branches by cutting them into three-feet lengths and tying them into bundles no more than 50 pounds in weight. The bundles will be removed from the curb by the composting truck on garbage pick-up day.

Also announced were cuts in the City's recreation budget, including elimination of the annual Fourth of July fireworks display and the summer recreation program for youths.

"By cutting the annual fireworks, Romulus will save more than \$20,000 a year, including \$10,000 in overtime public-safety pay," said Tanya Cofield, interim director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Cofield also explained that cutting the four- to five-week youth program will save the City at least \$9,000 a year.

"While we regret having to make these cuts, the Recreation Department recognizes that we must do our part and share in the sacrifice to help fix our budget crisis," she said.

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A New Tree Grows in Taylor



Taylor Mayor Jeffrey P. Lamarand helped kindergartner Jacob Livernois shovel dirt during an Arbor Day tree planting at Blair Moody Elementary on April 30. The trees – Kwanzan cherry trees (commonly known as Japanese flowering cherry trees) – were donated by Johnson Mathey, a Taylor company that is making a big commitment to going green. Photo by Dave Gorgon/City of Taylor

Voters Elect Beard, Thiede to Board of Education; Give Emphatic "No" to Both School Millage Proposals

The landslide defeat of two millage proposals in the recent Romulus Community Schools election, held on May 4, was immensely satisfying to residents upset by everything from the economy to political infighting to plans for redistricting – but others are worried that the district's very existence may now be in jeopardy.

Unofficial results released by the Romulus City Clerk's office showed that the first proposal – a renewal of current operating millage – was turned down by a margin of 1,215 votes to 564, or more than 2 to 1. A second, sinking-fund proposal was rejected 3 to 1 (1,331 to 459).

The same spirit of discontent seemed evident in the race for two Board of Education seats, with incumbent Kenneth Mient-kiewicz eliminated after placing third behind Theresa Beard (760 votes), a recent

appointee who filled the vacancy created by Celeste Roscoe's election to Romulus City Council last November, and newcomer John Thiede (747). Mientkiewicz garnered 608 votes, followed by Keith B. Miller (446) and Tanya Cofield (416), who announced her withdrawal as a candidate after being selected as interim director for the City's Department of Parks and Recreation.

A total of 1,829 voters – barely 10% of those registered – participated.

Beard and Thiede had plenty of thanks for their supporters.

"I am so appreciative of all the work that was done on my behalf," said Beard. "I am humbled that the members of this community elected me to continue as a representative on the Romulus School Board, and I will do my best to be a voice for them in continuing to make Romulus a great district to educate their children."

Thiede thanked his supporters, as well.

"I would have to credit my successful election bid to the hard-working individuals who worked my campaign," he said. "From knocking doors to working polls, these people gave their all.

"I was endorsed by some key organizations and great people who put their trust in me," he added. "I also credit the voters who came out and cast their ballot for their respective candidate."

When asked for their reactions to the millage votes, both new Board members admitted that it will make their jobs even more challenging.

"This will be a very difficult task with the financial issues in our state and community," Beard stated. "I am disappointed

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Letters to the Editor

Romulus Needs Summer Recreation Program

To the Editor:

Again, our kids are ones who have to pay the price because of cutbacks. There is nothing in the City of Romulus for the kids to do but the summer recreation program, and now that is being cut out for this summer. We know that, once a program is cut, it is very difficult to get it back.

The Romulus Athletic Center is only open to kids with adult supervision, and we may lose one Boys & Girls Club. What are our kids to do? Some one needs to step up and say enough is enough. We need to provide some summer rec for the kids. I know state funding is hurting all cities and

school districts, but lets stop penalizing the youth. Cut back on a few summer staff members; cut back on City employees driving their cars home. Instead of hiring a parttime program supervisor, use the funds for the program.

As a recreation professional for 30+ years, I know it is so important to provide programs for our future leaders, and help keep our kids coming back to our community when they become adults. This happens when the quality of life in a community provides complete city services.

Debbie Dick Romulus

Former Taylor Councilman Offers Ideas, Help

Dear Taylor City Council Members,

I am writing to share some ideas I have to keep our city afloat financially, while retaining as many employees as possible. The citizens are being bombarded with threats of losing public safety — which, no doubt, puts a great amount of stress on our seniors and others who are dependant on special care. Budget cuts put stress on city employees and their families, as well. The services we provide for our residents are important, and, of course, should be your top priority as elected officials.

I feel that you must work with our employees and come to agreements by which all are willing to work together and help preserve individuals' lifestyles. I feel that the council should meet with our unions and get a feel of what can be done to help solve the problems of the city. The Mayor or his staff meets with them, but I feel there is too much tension at this time to get truthful input.

Here are some of my recommendations:

- Don't replace Police Commander \$125,000
- Allow 4 Sgts to buy out \$400,000 (Sir Cpl command)
- Lt move out of Admin \$120,000 (IT does job)
- Traffic Detail/NO FAC \$1,800,000 (50 slots a week)
- Continue Special Unit \$500,000 (saved 10 jobs in '08)
- Road Patrol/Tickets \$2,160,000 (3 per shift)

It is also a good idea to take a close look at the income totals brought in over the past two years through ALS to make sure you can count on the projected income.

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If you allow buyouts among command officers all at once, command will fall short of experience and guidance, which would be a great liability to the city. If your command structure fails, so will your subordinates.

Leadership is the key. We must work to retain our police and fire departments with the intention of increasing their numbers as money becomes available. It takes at least five years for police officers to become proficient in their jobs. The city's laborers and clerical staff learn their jobs on the job, and this does not happen overnight, either. We must protect the jobs of experienced workers. Any loss of employees is a loss to taxpayers. We have lost too many already.

I feel very strongly about trying to get all unions to help, rather than turning them against each other. All employees are like family and should feel that way. They should dedicate their work abilities to those who pay their salaries: the hard-working citizens of Taylor.

I am willing to sit down anytime with council members or employees and union reps to talk about what we can do to help.

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RHS Announces Dates for Prom, Graduation

Lynne Moore, 2010 graduation coordinator at Romulus High School, has compiled the following list of special events to update seniors and their parents.

For more information, call Moore at 734-532-1018.

Senior Final Exams

(Thursday, June 3, during 4th and 5th hours; seniors attend from 11:04 a.m. to 2 p.m.; regular school day for underclassmen)

Senior Final Exams

(Friday, June 4, during 1st, 2nd, and 3rd hours; seniors attend from 7:15 to 10:59 a.m.; regular school day for underclassmen)

Senior All-night Party

(Friday, June 4, with lock-in from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.; RHS field house) – Cost is \$25 per person. No admittance after 11 p.m.

· Prom Toast

(Wednesday, June 9, from 6 to 7 p.m.; RHS atrium) – Early arrival is strongly advised, since doors will be locked at 7 p.m.

Senior Prom

(Wednesday, June 9, from 7 p.m. to midnight; "Italian American Center" at 39200 West Five Mile, Livonia) – Attendees *must* arrive by 8 p.m., when a sit-down dinner will be served. Tickets (\$65 each) are available before and after school in rooms 119 and 219. Guest forms, available in room 515, must be returned by Friday, May 14. A guest *must* be approved before his/her ticket may be purchased.

· Cap and Gown Distribution

(Friday, June 11, at 12:30 p.m.; RHS auditorium) – All school fines and summer school fees must be paid in full (proof of payment required) before a cap and gown will be issued. Checks cannot be accepted for payment of senior fees.

Graduation Rehearsal

(Friday, June 11, at 2:10 p.m. sharp; RHS cafeteria) – All seniors (and only seniors) must attend rehearsal. Afterward, eight graduation tickets will be distributed to each senior.

Commencement

(Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. sharp; RHS field house) – Graduates must assemble in the cafeteria by 9 a.m. Guest admission to the ceremony will be by ticket only. A professional photographer will be taking pictures of each graduate, and the ceremony will be videotaped. Photos and tapes will be available for purchase.

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Guest Commentary

RHS Senior's Donation Will Help Save Lives



(From left) During the April 5 meeting of the Romulus City Council, Romulus High School senior Ryan McLachlan presented Fire Chief David Allison and Firefighter Kevin Krause with a check for \$2,235, which will be used to purchase an automated external defibrillator. *Photo by Roger Kadau*

By Ryan McLachlan, Romulus High School senior

In their senior year, students at Romulus High School are required to do a "senior project," which is a detailed research project. Students must identify a social issue, research that issue, make an impact relative to that issue, and learn a new skill concerning the issue. The students must obtain a mentor, or expert in the issue they've chosen. I am very fortunate, and grateful, that Romulus Firefighter Kevin Krause has been my mentor. He has provided me with excellent support and advice on my project.

I have chosen, as my social issue, Sudden Cardiac Death. Sudden Cardiac Death can strike at any age, and claims the lives of nearly 1,000 Americans every day. In many of those cases, death could have been avoided had there been access to an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and persons trained in its use. My impact goal is to increase availability and awareness of AED devices to hopefully save a life.

In fact, as part of my recent fund-raiser for this effort, we showed a "true life" video of a 16-year-old boy, who, after football practice, suddenly collapsed on the field. His coach immediately began CPR while another player ran to the building to alert staff, who rushed to the scene with the school's AED device (which, coincidentally, is the same brand/model that will be purchased with my donations). Through use of the device, the young man was revived. It turned out that he had a previously unknown heart condition. He can't play football anymore, but stays active with his team.

As part of my project's impact, I conducted a fund-raiser, "Have a Heart for Humor," a comedy show. Romulus resident and Fire Lieutenant John Thiede, along with his comedy troupe "Project 2 Improv," donated their time and exceptional talent

for my event. The Metropolitan Hotel donated the use of their main ballroom to host the event. The Romulus community came out strong to support the cause, as more than 200 people came to the show. Sylvan Learning Center in Brownstown donated a \$250 certificate for us to auction off that night. In total, \$2,735.00 was raised from the event.

On April 5, I presented Romulus Fire Chief David Allison with a check in the amount of \$2,235.00, which will fully fund at least one AED unit that will be placed in a public building here in Romulus. I did this with the knowledge that our fire department knows best where this AED will be more useful.

On April 12, I presented the Romulus Community Schools with a check in the amount of \$500, which will fully fund their purchase of 12 AED adapter devices that will make their units compatible with the units that the City's rescue personnel use.

The AED devices are so important because of their simplicity to use. Once the unit is opened, it provides audible, step-by-step directions for the user. It instructs when to start/stop CPR, measures the depth of the compressions (to find out if they are deep enough to work), and, if necessary, the machine tells the user to press the "shock" button to deliver a shock to the patient. All the information is stored in the machine, so when medical personnel arrive, they can see exactly what has been happening with the patient.

Again, I would like to thank Lt. John Thiede, the Project 2 Improv troupe, the Sylvan Learning Center, and the Metropolitan Hotel for their generous support of my project. Also, a huge "thank you" to the more than 200 people who came to my event and made it such a success. Finally, another thanks to Firefighter Krause for assisting me.

Allison Honored for Charitable Work

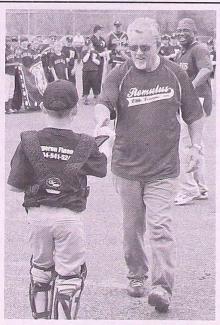


An April 23 dinner recognizing Julie Allison (third from left), recipient of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 25th "Person of the Year" award, gave her a chance to pose with former honorees: (from left) Reverend Arthur Willis (24th), Linda McNeil (22nd), Beverly McAnally (12th), Mark Lewkowicz (23rd), Maria Lambert (21st), Dan Bales (9th), Ron Hopson (18th), and Bill Crane (13th). *Photo by Roger Kadau*

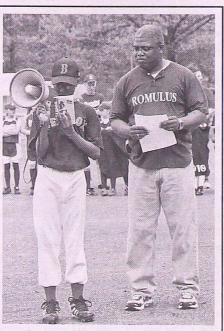
Little League Celebrates Opening Day



Romulus Little League's annual Opening Day celebration, held May 1, began with a parade of banner-bearing teams who marched onto the baseball fields at Mt. Pleasant School. *Photos by Roger Kadau*



After catching Mayor Alan Lambert's ceremonial first pitch, Riley Bergeron returned the ball.



Little League Board member Harold Cummings had Nicholas Henry read the Little League Pledge.

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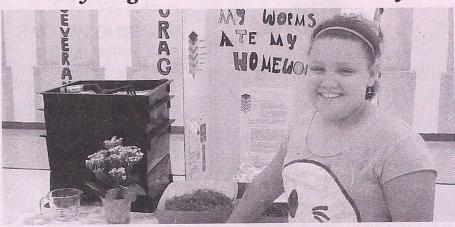
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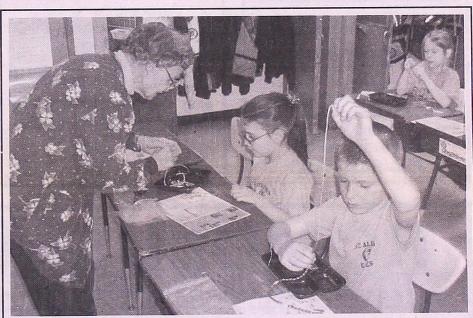
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Recycling Fair Celebrates Earth Day

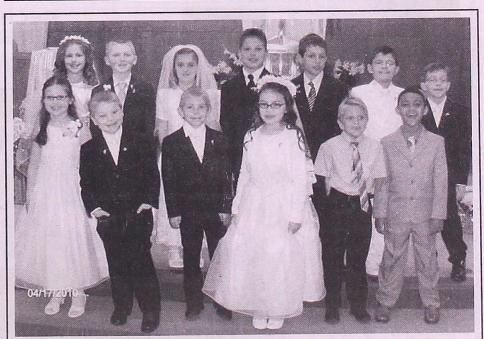


On April 22, Taylor Exemplar Charter Academy hosted a Recycling Fair that featured educational displays as well as projects and art pieces created from common household items repurposed into something new. Students like Cierra Kessler (above) are proud of their school's green initiatives, which included the recycling of eight tons of paper and 5,000 drink/chip pouches so far this year.

Students Make Rosaries, First Communion



On April 12, Wendy Antko's second-graders – including (from right) Paris Moore, Damien King, and Graciela Martinez – made their own rosaries at St. Alfred Catholic School in Taylor in preparation for their First Communion. Special guest Mary Ann Lazich was on hand to demonstrate and help.



Among those making their First Communion were: (from left) front – Madison Mallord, Jeremy Davis, Richard Spratling, Graciela Martinez, and Parker Zadigian; back – Sidney Croskey, Damien King, Olivia Martin, Nickolas Hopper, Arthur Palushaj, Jihari Watkins, Andrew Martinez, and Tyler Paoletti.





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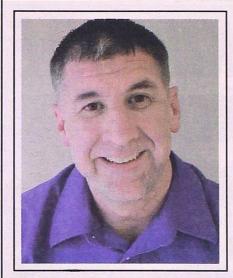
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- John Thiede

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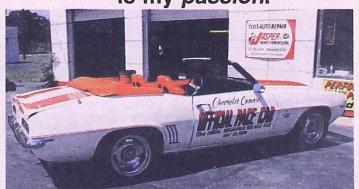
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Taylor Petting Farm's "Wild Weekend" Featured Exotic Animals



(From left) Jose and Kayla Rojo of Southgate joined their aunt, Allison Baker of Taylor, on a ride of Gunther the camel during the Wild Weekend at Heritage Park Petting Farm in Taylor.

The Heritage Park Petting Farm in Taylor welcomed back the popular Whispering Pines exotic animal show the weekend of May 1-2.

The show featured a number of exciting new animals. Appearing for the first time was an African serval cat - an ancestor of the lion with the common traits of a

Everyone also enjoyed the chance to

see a wallaroo, which is a blend of a wallaby and kangaroo.

Gia, a female camel, visited along with Gunther, who has always been a show favorite. Camel rides were available for a fee.

A corral of goats, sheep, llamas, and alpacas were on site, ready for petting and photographing.

A menagerie of other animals ranged from a two-toed sloth to a spotted skunk.



Feeding carrots to some of the animals at the Petting Farm were Tricia Elbi and Joseph (left), Parker (right), and Dave (back) Gannon of Taylor. Photos by Dave Gorgon/City of Taylor

Reptiles could be seen in a separate exhibit on the farm grounds.

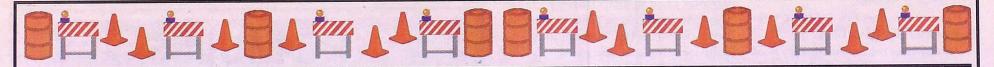
Opportunities abounded for visitors of all ages to learn about life on the "wild" side from the experts who take care of these beautiful creatures.

Still other attractions included facepainting by "Flutterby Faces," who was on hand to turn children into exotic creatures for an additional fee.

Free coloring sheets were also available for children to make in the classroom.

The Heritage Park Petting Farm is located on the northeast corner of Northline and Pardee roads. Admission rates are \$3 for Taylor residents, \$4 for nonresidents. Children 1 and under are admitted free.

For further information about the farm and its various programs, call 734-374-5946 or visit CityOfTaylor.com.



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Huron Township

St. Paul's Invites Public to Spring Fling

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold its annual Spring Fling at the Huron Sportsman Club (19835 Sterling Street) on Saturday, May 15.

The event - sponsored by the St. Paul Men's Club - includes dinner, an open bar for beer and wine, and a performance by Rennie Kaufmann. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m.

> Tickets are \$25 per person. For information, call 734-753-9048.

Romulus

Children's Crafts at the Library

Youngsters are invited to make their parents homemade gifts from the heart at these one-day craft programs, which will be held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) at 10:30 a.m. on the following dates:

- Mother's Day (Saturday, May 8), and
- Father's Day (Friday, June 18).

Although the programs are free, preregistration is required.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book Club - open to everyone 18 and older are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book of the month, then drop in for discussion and light refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include: Darker Than Night by Tom Henderson

- One Thousand White Women: The Journals of May Dodd by Jim Fergus
- Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen (July

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Rummage Sale at CUMC

Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive Street, across from the Romulus Police Department) will hold a rummage sale fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 13, through Saturday, May 15.

For information, call 734-941-0736. Rummage Sale at Halecreek Elementary

Halecreek Elementary (16200 Harrison Road) will hold an indoor rummage sale fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 21, and Saturday, May 22.

Donations for the event - a benefit for the school - are welcome! Gently used items may be dropped off any weekday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Romulus and Taylor

Letter Carriers To Conduct Food Drive

On May 8, the National Association of Letter Carriers will conduct its 18th annual food drive - the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Residents are asked to place nonperishable food items near their mailboxes for their letter carrier to pick up during his/her normal route.

All food will be collected and sorted by the letter carriers, loaded on a Gleaners Food Bank truck, and transported to the Fish and Loaves Community Food Pantry in Taylor. Volunteers at the pantry then distribute the food to hungry people in Romulus, Taylor, and four other surrounding communities.

Taylor

Plant Sale at Taylor Conservatory

A plant sale will be held at the Taylor Conservatory (Northline Road, just east of Pardee) on Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items available for purchase will include a great selection of perennials for gardens or Mother's Day presents, as well as other plants, tools, and pottery. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

For information, call 313-215-8885.

Taylor Garden Club To Hold Plant Sale

The Taylor Garden Club will hold a plant sale from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 15, at St. John's Lutheran Church (Northline and Telegraph roads). Featured items will include Heirloom tomatoes, butterfly-friendly plants, and more.

For information, call Debra Zilka at 734-771-9933.

Kids Fish 'N' Fun Day

The sixth annual Kids Fish 'N' Fun Day will be held at Coan Lake (Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road) on Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is presented by Wayne County Community College District's (WCCCD) School of Continuing Education, in partnership with the City of Taylor Department of Golf, Parks and Recreation and Gander Mountain.

The purpose of the community event is to bring practical information and handson instruction about fishing and water safety to young people ages 7 to 12. A certificate of completion will be awarded to all children who participate. Topics covered will include identifying specific fish, where to look for fish, your tackle box, and proper casting techniques.

The University of Michigan "Big Ten Fishing Team" will be on site to speak and fish with participants. Representatives from the Department of Natural Recourses will also be in attendance to promote youth fish-

The first 100 kids to register will receive a free hat and T-shirt.

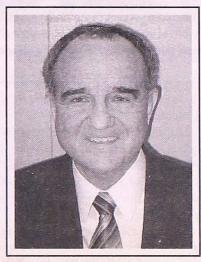
To register, visit the Taylor Community Library (12303 Pardee Road).

For information, call 313-496-2704,



Thank you to all my supporters, family and friends, and the community for electing me to continue to serve on the Romulus School Board. I appreciate your faith and confidence in me. I will be a voice for you and your children in the pursuit of educational excellence.

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Obituaries

Leona Louise Evanski

Leona Louise Evanski of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on April 20, 2010, at the age of 85.

Leona was the beloved wife of the late Richard J. Evanski; loving mother of the late Richard J. Evanski, Jr., as well as Kathleen, Gloria, Nancy, Kenneth (Delores), and Thomas (Dawn) Evanski; and dearest grandma ("Busha") of Jessica, Jaclyn, and Richard.

She was also the dear sister of Chuck, Lawrence and the late Rita, Lillian, Florence, Theresa, Jerry, and Donald.

A funeral service was held on April 24 at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home's Taylor chanel

Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

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John "Bill" Evitts of Dearborn Heights,

Michigan, passed away on April 19, 2010, at the age of 56.

He enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing, going to casinos, visiting Florida, and spending time with his family.

Surviving Bill are his mother, Williadean Evitts; his wife, Dorthy "Dot" Evitts; 4 sons, Jason (Lauren) Evitts, Rob (Holly) Evitts, Jeremy (Billie Joe) Evitts, and Shane (Jordan) Evitts; 2 brothers, James (Sue) Evitts and Jimmy (Carey) Evitts; and 3 grandchildren, Emily, Dylan, and Jayden.

Among those who preceded him in passing was his father, John J. Evitts.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI) on April 22.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery. Send the family a condolence message at www.cranefuneralhome.net.

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4th Grade 5 Vacancies
5th Grade 2 Vacancies

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Applications are available at the Huron School District Administration Building.

Applications will only be accepted between the dates listed below: from May 10, 2010 through May 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

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George A. "Sonny" Ramsay

George A. "Sonny" Ramsay of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on May 1, 2010, at the age of 76.

He enjoyed horseback riding, Flat Rock racing, and helping other people.

Surviving Sonny are his son, Terry (Brenda) Ramsay; 2 daughters, Tina Marie (Daniel) Lippner and Debra McIssac; 2 sisters, Martha (Luke) McMasters and Mildred Nieman; 5 grandchildren; and 1 great-

grandchild.

Among those who preceded him in passing were his wife, Joann; both parents, George and Thelma; and five sisters, Ruth, Shirley, Ilene, Thelma, and Elizabeth.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus) on May 4.

Cremation rites were to follow.

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More than 140 households/organizations are taking part in Romulus's annual Citywide Yard Sale, set for Thursday, May 20, through Sunday, May 23. (If two or more dates are rained out, the event will be postponed to Thursday, June 3, through Sunday, June 6.) For your convenience, the City has compiled a list of sale sites, organizing it by geographic area to make unfamiliar streets easier to find. Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates.

1=THURSDAY, MAY 20

2=FRIDAY, MAY 21

3=SATURDAY, MAY 22

4=SUNDAY, MAY 23

Downtown Romulus Area (I-94 to just south of Grant/ just west of Ozga to Wayne)

36100 Bibbins (1, 2, 3, 4)

11150 Craig (2, 3, 4)

11356 Delano (3)

11359 Delano (2, 3, 4)

11415 Delano (1, 2, 3)

12011 Elmview (1, 2, 3, 4)

11088 Gabriel (1, 2, 3)

37109 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)

36774 Grant (1, 2, 3)

11428 Grover (2, 3, 4) 11435 Hunt (1, 2, 3, 4)

36862 Mario Ann Ct. (1, 2, 3)

11050 Meredith (1, 2, 3)

11128 Olive (2, 3, 4)

11140 Olive (2, 3, 4)

11451 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)

37044 Porter (2, 3, 4) 37065 Porter (1, 2, 3, 4)

36511 Romulus Ave. (1, 2, 3, 4)

36528 Romulus Ave. (1, 2, 3, 4)

36655 Romulus Ave. (1, 2, 3, 4)

11452 St. Aloysius (1, 2, 3)

11071 Wahrman (1, 2, 3, 4)

W. Huron River Dr. to Pennsylvania/ Hannan to S. Huron River Dr.

15982 Aspen Dr. (2, 3)

37630 Barth (1, 2, 3)

37710 Barth (1, 2, 3, 4)

37442 Castle Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

37523 Castle Dr. (1, 2, 3)

38235 Castle Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

13230 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)

13901 Hannan (2, 3, 4)

16230 Hannan (1, 2, 3, 4)

14125 S. Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

15701 S. Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

38510 Superior (2, 3, 4)

39240 Superior (1, 2, 3, 4)

38989 Wabash (1, 2, 3, 4)

39015 Wabash (1, 2, 3)

37638 Walnut (1, 2, 3, 4)

37815 Walnut (2, 3, 4)

38480 W. Huron River Dr. (2, 3, 4)

39213 W. Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

39225 W. Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3)

37609 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)

38042 Westvale (1, 2, 3)

38100 Westvale (2, 3, 4)

38700 Westvale (1, 2, 3, 4)

Van Born to just south of Ecorse/ Hannan to Inkster

32865 Augusta Ct. (1, 2, 3)

6695 Ball (1, 2, 3, 4)

7128 Burton (1, 2, 3, 4) 6087 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)

5830 Cogswell (1, 2, 3, 4)

5907 Crystal Lake Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

35841 Cypress (1, 2, 3, 4)

6442 Dexter (1, 2, 3, 4)

6055 Edmund (2, 3, 4)

6514 Gloria (1, 2, 3, 4)

6315 Heyer (1, 2, 3, 4)

6330 Heyer (1, 2, 3, 4)

32154 Newcastle (3, 4)

6207 Swan Lake Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

35925 Vinewood (1, 2, 3, 4)

6000 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)

6430 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)

6609 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4) 5852 Wayne (2, 3, 4)

Ecorse to I-94/Hannan to Wayne

7173 Cambridge Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

39099 Chase (1, 2, 3, 4) 39306 Chase (1, 2, 3, 4)

39311 Commons Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

37011 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)

8950 Grover (1, 2, 3)

37306 McBride (1, 2, 3, 4)

37243 Menton (1, 2, 3)

10057 Miriam (2, 3, 4)

10068 Miriam (1, 2, 3, 4)

7189 Ozga (2, 3, 4)

7245 Ozga (2, 3, 4)

9495 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)

9950 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)

10240 Ozga (1, 2, 3, 4)

10381 Ozga (2, 3, 4)

10268 Romaine (2, 3)

35505 Ronald (2, 3)

10036 Sterling (1, 2, 3)

10048 Sterling (3, 4) 9884 Tobine (1, 2, 3, 4)

37720 Tyler (1, 2, 3, 4)

38524 Tyler (2, 3, 4)

9322 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

9650 Wayne (2, 3, 4)

8971 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)

Wick to Goddard/ Middlebelt to Inkster/ 27487 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)

10292 Hyde Park (1, 2, 3, 4)

Wayne Rd. McDonald's Area (Wick to I-94/Wayne to Vining)

9235 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)

9465 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)

9406 Karen (1, 2, 3, 4)

9418 Karen (2, 3, 4)

9441 Karen (1, 2, 3, 4)

9442 Karen (1, 2, 3, 4)

34809 Malcolm (1, 2, 3, 4)

9712 Marc (1, 2, 3)

34145 McBride (1, 2, 3, 4)

34169 McBride (2, 3)

34834 McBride (2, 3) 9705 Michael Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

9726 Michael Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

9786 Michael Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

34708 Michelle Dr. (1, 2, 3) 9419 Terry (2, 3)

9420 Terry (1, 2)

9323 Washington (3, 4)

34951 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)

Merriman Elementary Area (Eureka to Pennsylvania/ Merriman to Middlebelt)

15534 Anthony (2, 3, 4)

15706 Anthony (2, 3)

15703 Brandt (1, 2, 3, 4)

15822 Brandt (1, 2, 3, 4)

30767 Cherry Ave. (3, 4)

15311 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)

15433 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)

15401 Collins (1, 2, 3, 4)

30715 Halecreek (1, 2, 3, 4)

30523 Leroy (3, 4)

16211 Taft (2, 3, 4) 30427 Teak Ln. (2, 3)

Halecreek Elementary Area (Eureka to Pennsylvania/ Middlebelt to Inkster)

28678 Burning Tree Ln. (1, 2, 3, 4)

28511 Cherry Ave. (1, 2, 3, 4)

28108 Grande Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)

28528 Greenview (1, 2, 3, 4)

15721 Harrison (1, 2, 3, 4)

16200 Harrison (2, 3) 16329 Ironstone Ln. (1, 2, 3, 4)

28834 Leroy (2, 3, 4)

15705 Meadow (1, 2, 3, 4)

28754 Pennsylvania (1, 2, 3, 4) 15862 Ridgebrook Path (1, 2, 3, 4)

28783 Sedgeway Dr. (3, 4)

16325 Willow Ct. (?)

15080 Woodmont (2, 3, 4)

15101 Woodmont (1, 2, 3, 4) 15115 Woodmont (1, 2, 3, 4) We'll See You at



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Bride's Parents		
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Groom's Parents		
City	State	
Bridesmaids		
Groomsmen		
Date of Engagement		
Date of Wedding		
Place		
City	State	
Reception		
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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions):		

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Romulus Lays Off Workers, Cuts Programs

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Of the cuts announced to date, the elimination of the youth recreation program seems to be the one that has upset residents the most. Several attended the May 3 Council meeting to urge the City to reconsider, noting that working parents depend on the program as an affordable alternative to child care when school is out, and that there are few other options that keep youths off the streets in a safe, supervised environment.

Again acknowledging the difficult decisions involved in trimming the budget,

Mayor Lambert assured everyone that he will continue to examine possible alternatives to the proposed recreation cuts, and said he welcomed residents' ideas on ways to save the programs while still cutting costs.

Lambert also said that the City's administration is prepared to share in the sacrifices being asked of City workers and residents. He and his department heads and appointed employees are taking a five-percent pay cut and benefit changes, and the City's other elected officials have agreed to a five-percent pay cut, as well.

Beard, Thiede Elected; Millages Defeated

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that our ballot proposals did not pass, and feel that the community did not understand that these proposals were tax neutral.

"Board of Education members are also taxpayers, and we have done our best to curtail costs and protect our community's interest," she continued. "You can be assured that we will continue to do our best for our students, staff, and community."

Thiede said he was surprised by the overwhelming margin of defeat.

"I actually thought it would be a closer margin one way or the other," he explained. "There was so much controversy on the proposals. I saw different literature that possibly misinformed the voters on both sides. I think maybe the defeat of the millage may have been the wording. There has to be a specific number you shoot for, and not write it where it looks like an open checkbook. I did support it. Those who didn't – I respect their vote. These are trying times, and some people are in a better way than others in our community. Everyone has a reason why they vote yes or no.

"Since I am just getting on the School Board, I will get a closer look at the process of things. If the millage is proposed again, we should look at forming focus groups and getting individuals of both sides (yes and no voters), and come to a median where we can all make it a success." Board Trustee Robert McLachlan, who was elected last year, agrees that it was more than just a bad economy that caused voters to nix the millages, and says the district must work hard to change naysayers' minds.

"Before we take the [millage proposals] back to the voters, we *must* show that we have done *everything* within our control to reduce expenses," he stated. "We're not there yet. We need to make sure our business is conducted openly – and, by that, I mean at Board meetings. ... The public will better understand (and trust) decisions when they are fully debated in open meetings, not in sidebars with administrators or committees.

"With that said, it is imperative that this millage be brought back to the voters for approval. We simply cannot function with a 37% hole in our funding. As a board, we have not had a chance to discuss the possible consequences of not having this operating millage, but common sense tells me that more elementary schools would close, forcing those children to attend school in shifts; the middle school may close, forcing the high school into shifts to accommodate the middle school program; and transportation, athletics, and extracurricular items would lose funding.

"Those aren't stated by me as facts or threats," he added. "They are just, in my opinion, last-option scenarios that we, as a community, may be forced into."

Clean Sweep To Feature Tree Dedication

The City of Romulus is seeking volunteers for Operation Clean Sweep, an annual cleanup program that will be held on Saturday, May 15.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. with the ceremonial planting of a Liberty Tree at the Romulus Veterans Memorial, located on Wayne Road south of Goddard, in front of the Public Library. The tree was obtained by the Downtown Development Authority, which applied for a grant from the Elm Research Institute in January. The City has invited Eagle Scouts and members of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars to be special guests at the ceremony.

Afterward, all Clean Sweep partici-

pants are invited to meet at the Romulus Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. to fortify themselves with bagels, donuts, and coffee before picking up assignments, rubbish bags, and gloves, or spending part of the day cleaning up areas in and around their own neighborhood.

At 1 p.m., the new Senior Community Garden – located at Bibbins and Sterling streets – will be dedicated, and pictures will be taken of the senior citizens who have signed up to plant and tend the garden's 10 raised beds.

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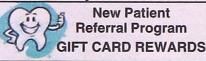
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